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Waterways Projects
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has awarded contracts worth Rs. 2,000 crore for waterways projects and if so, the details thereof, waterways-wise;
(b) whether the work on entire stretch under National Waterway-1 has been approved and started and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes to issue infrastructure bonds worth Rs. 1,000 crore to fund the waterways projects which are being aided by the World Bank; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a): Projects worth Rs.1871.56 crore for development of National Waterways have been implemented till March 2016 from the inception of IWAI in October, 1986. National Waterway-1 (NW-1), NW-2 & NW-3 have been developed for shipping and navigation during this period.
(b): The Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) on NW-1 is being implemented with the financial and technical support of the World Bank. The Project entails development of fairway with 3 meters depth between Varanasi and Haldia (Phase-I) covering a distance of 1380 km at an estimated cost of Rs. 5369 crore with target for completion in six years. The following sub-projects of this Project have commenced:
(i) Construction of Phase − I (A) of the multimodal terminal at Varanasi at a cost of Rs. 169.70 crore.
(ii) Construction of Phase − I of the multimodal terminal at Sahibganj at a cost of Rs. 280.90 crore.
(iii) Construction of new navigation lock at Farakka at a cost of Rs. 359.19 crore.
(c)&(d): IWAI has raised Rs. 340 crore through issue of Government of India fully serviced bonds during 2016-17 for implementation of infrastructure projects on inland waterways including JMVP.

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